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SUBJECT: SPAIN WILL FOLLOW EU ON KARADZIC FAMILY TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

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Classified By: ADCM Dan Keller for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

(C) Poloff delivered reftel demarche to Spanish MFA Deputy Political Director Carlos Fernandez-Arias on August 8. Fernandez-Arias said the GOS welcomed the arrest of Karadzic and that although there have been no internal discussions on the matter as of yet, the GOS is likely to join the EU consensus of lifting the travel restrictions. Poloff emphasized the importance of keeping the restrictions in place as information regarding the family and remaining fugitives is still emerging. Fernandez-Arias made note of this concern and of the importance to the United States that any EU action on this issue be closely coordinated with the United States and Office of the High Representative.

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